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CHANGES TO CME REQUIREMENTS

SB 1216 by Senator Peadar
HB 699 by Representative Negron
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On June 20, 2006 Governor Bush signed HB 699 into law. It takes effect on July 1, 2006. Below is a summary of the portions of the bill regarding CME requirements.

The new law provides that physicians (MDs and DOs) will now only be required to complete one (1) credit in HIV/AIDS – this must be done prior to the first renewal of the license, but once the physician has taken one (1) credit, he or she does not ever have to take it again. Most Florida physicians have already met this requirement and will not need to take the course again.

The new law provides that physicians (MDs and DOs) will now only be required to complete two (2) credits in Domestic Violence every third biennial renewal, beginning with renewals following July 1, 2006.

The HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence courses will no longer be required prior to initial licensure. For initial licensure, the only requirement will be two (2) credits in Prevention of Medical Errors. The biennial requirement for Prevention of Medical Errors also remains the same – MDs and DOs must complete two (2) credits during each two-year licensure cycle.

End of life and palliative care courses can no longer be used in lieu of the HIV/AIDS course or Domestic Violence course.

Below is a summary of Florida CME requirements for MD's only, effective July 1, 2006:

Initial licensure:

Two (2) credits in Prevention of Medical Errors

First renewal:

One (1) credit in HIV/AIDS

Two (2) credits in Prevention of Medical Errors

Every renewal thereafter:

40 credit hours of CME including two (2) credits in Prevention of Medical Errors

In addition, every third renewal:

Two (2) credits in Domestic Violence.

For MDs renewing on January 31, 2007, you will be required to complete two (2) credits of Domestic Violence before your renewal in 2011.

For MDs renewing on January 31, 2008, you will be required to complete two (2) credits of Domestic Violence before your renewal in 2012.